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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No. 10/660,077First Named Applicant: Anthony J. BaerlocherExaminer: Andrew KimArt Unit: 3714Status of Application: PendingDocket No: 112300-1530

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Adam Masia (2) Patricia ChidiacProposed Date of Interview: August 11, 2009 Proposed Time: 11 AM Eastern Time

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic(2) ☒ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claims 1 to 22</u>	<u>Piechowiak and Singer</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:** Piechowiak discloses a bonus hit counter (Fig. 6), which increments by a fixed amount each time a bonus hit outcome occurs. Singer discloses an "Amount Bet Per Line" meter which displays to a player the number of credits wagered per payline. The Office Action states that it would have been obvious to modify Piechowiak to include a bet per line meter to quickly and efficiently tell the user how much is being wagered per payline. We do not understand how modifying Piechowiak to include a meter with a bet-per-line meter to inform the player how much is being wagered per payline would result in a gaming device having the meter of independent Claim 1. We would like to discuss this during the interview. We are also willing to discuss clarifying claim amendments during the interview.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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